

# **WHAT IS TRUE PRAYER ?**

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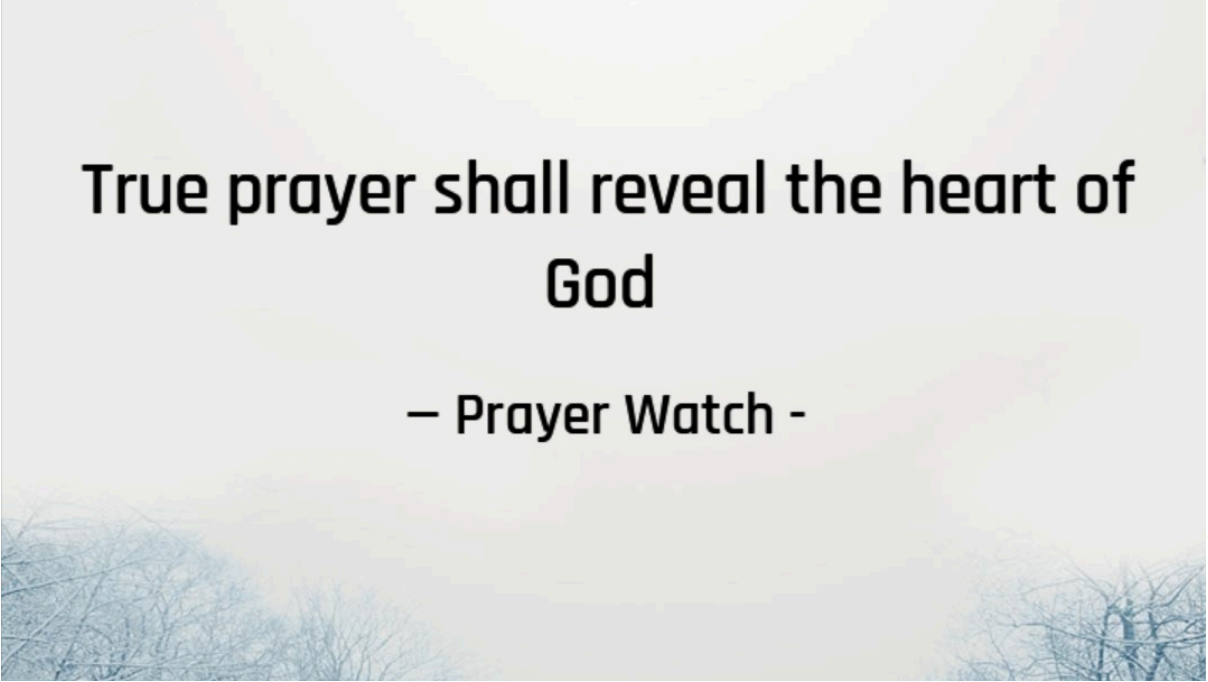
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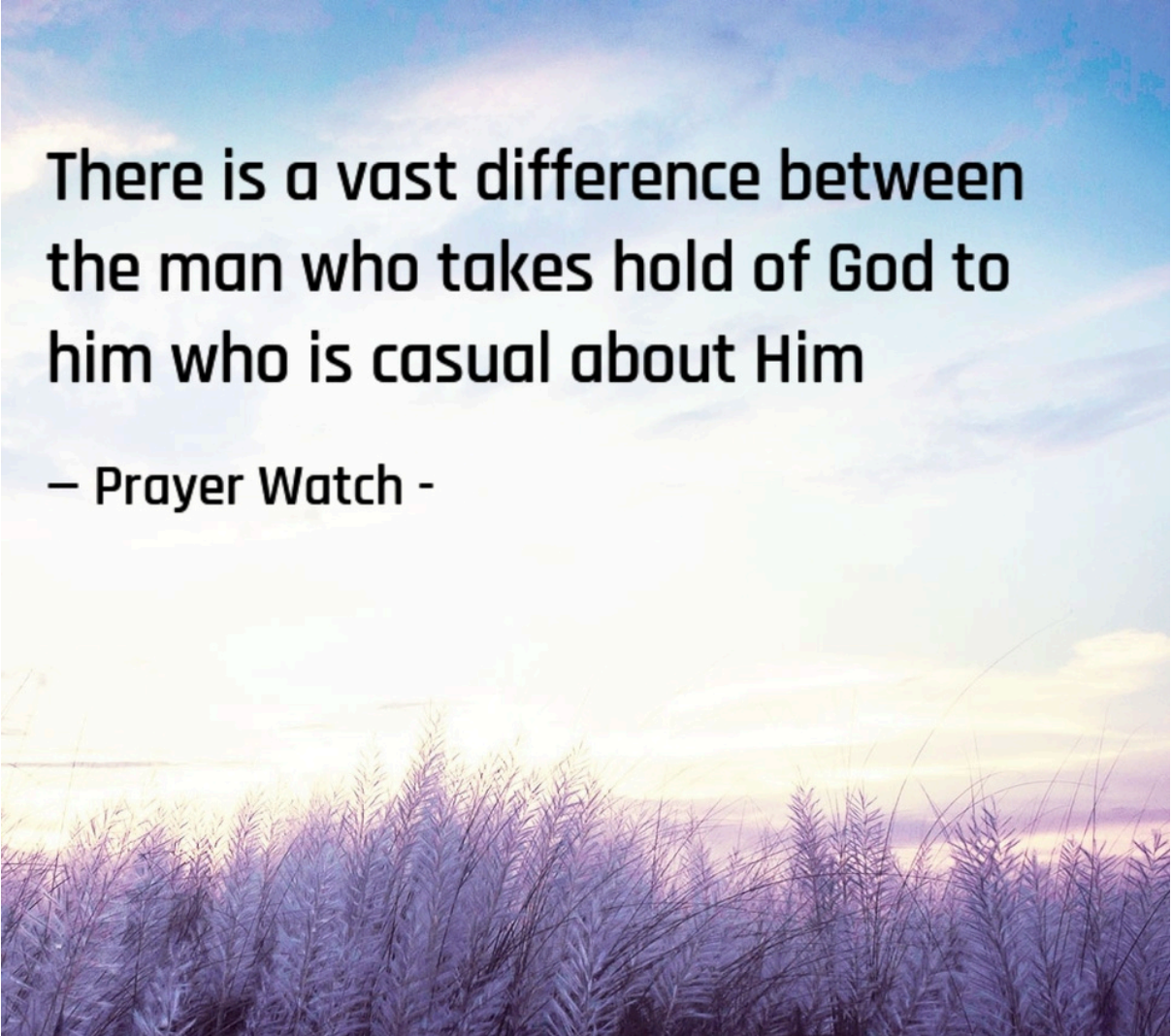
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## **TAKE HOLD OF GOD**

No amount of writing or talking about prayer can ever complete the life of prayer. Books and much about prayer may be seen and heard, but they are merely there to assist us in one of the most powerful duties of the Christian life. And yet even though there is a hidden life in prayer, it is a life that is bursting to be revealed. That revelation comes from Him who now dwells in the heart of the believer.

The more consistent we are in approaching the throne of God, the **deeper** we are moved to understanding God. Prayer reveals the heart of God. The apostle Paul understood this fully well. In his letter to the church in Ephesus he wrote the following **‘.....and I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.’ Ephesians 3.17-19** Paul knew that the key to a deeper understanding with God was prayer.



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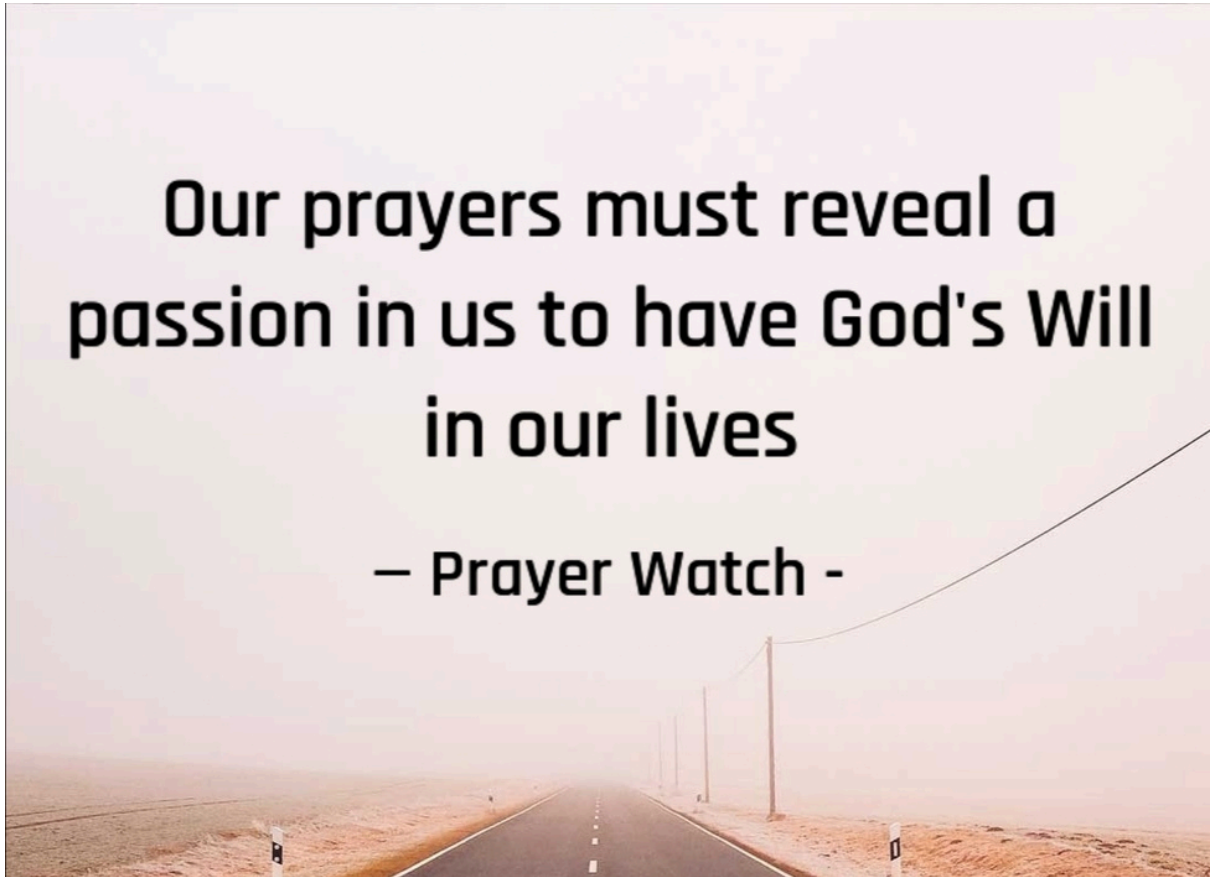
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The revelation of God's heart is measured by the consistency of the believer before a Holy God. Herein lies much to be known, for there are many who are able get a grasp of God but never by the measure He desires us to. There is a difference in measure. And it differs much for the man who takes hold of God to him who is casual about Him.

Our walk with God thus far will determine this. For the one it may be a simple prayer and he may find himself '*caught*' up, yet for others it may be a struggle like the one at Jabrok. Jacob's experienced at Jabrok and his hunger for God found him receiving what He really had for him. God desires that all men take hold of Him.

This '*taking hold*' of God reveals the desire that each individual should have for Him. It is our hunger for that which God ordained in the first place. Our little with God has been a testimony we use that we have gotten hold of God as Jacob did at Jabrok. Yet for many of us we are far from this which we call a '*taking hold*' of God.

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## WHAT IS PRAYER?

**P**rayer is simply the **union** of the believer's thoughts with God's. Prayer is God's

way of telling the Church what He wishes to be done on earth. The duty of the believer is to pray for this accomplishment here on earth. God knows all things. He is Omniscient! He is **omnipotent**! God is all-powerful, invincible, supreme, and unstoppable. Prayer, therefore, expresses our faith and expectations in Him. We trust Him and therefore wait on Him. G

od has saved us by His mercy. This we preach often yet we lack in preach the reason for



Him to show us such mercy. That reason is two-fold! The one is that mankind should not perish, whilst the other is purpose - God's purpose!

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Our prayers must show to God that we desire what He has **already** purposed for each one of us. The meaning of the word **amen** is not 'let it be' as you I have selfishly desired but that 'it is so' because God has already mandated it in heaven. That which is mandated is the Will of God. Our duty is pray that Will of the Master into existence here on earth. The strength of our praying will determine how much of what God desires is really being accomplished here on earth.

***The Will of God for each man here on earth is meant to be discovered by all men! In fellowship with God man comes to know His perfect Will!***



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The reason that man must know heaven's Will for earth is because it's God's and not man's. God will have done on earth that which is already established in Heaven by Him. That's the purpose of God for man here on earth. And God will have it done!

The duty of the believer is to pray out this accomplishment on earth. You see Prayer is the means that God intended by which man shall come to know more about His Heaven. ***Knowing Heaven is about knowing the heart of God.*** Prayer opens the door for man to see. When man prays he becomes more familiar with the Ways of God. So it is shall he become more informed of how he shall manage the affairs of God here on earth. It is that which he has come to see with spiritual eyes.

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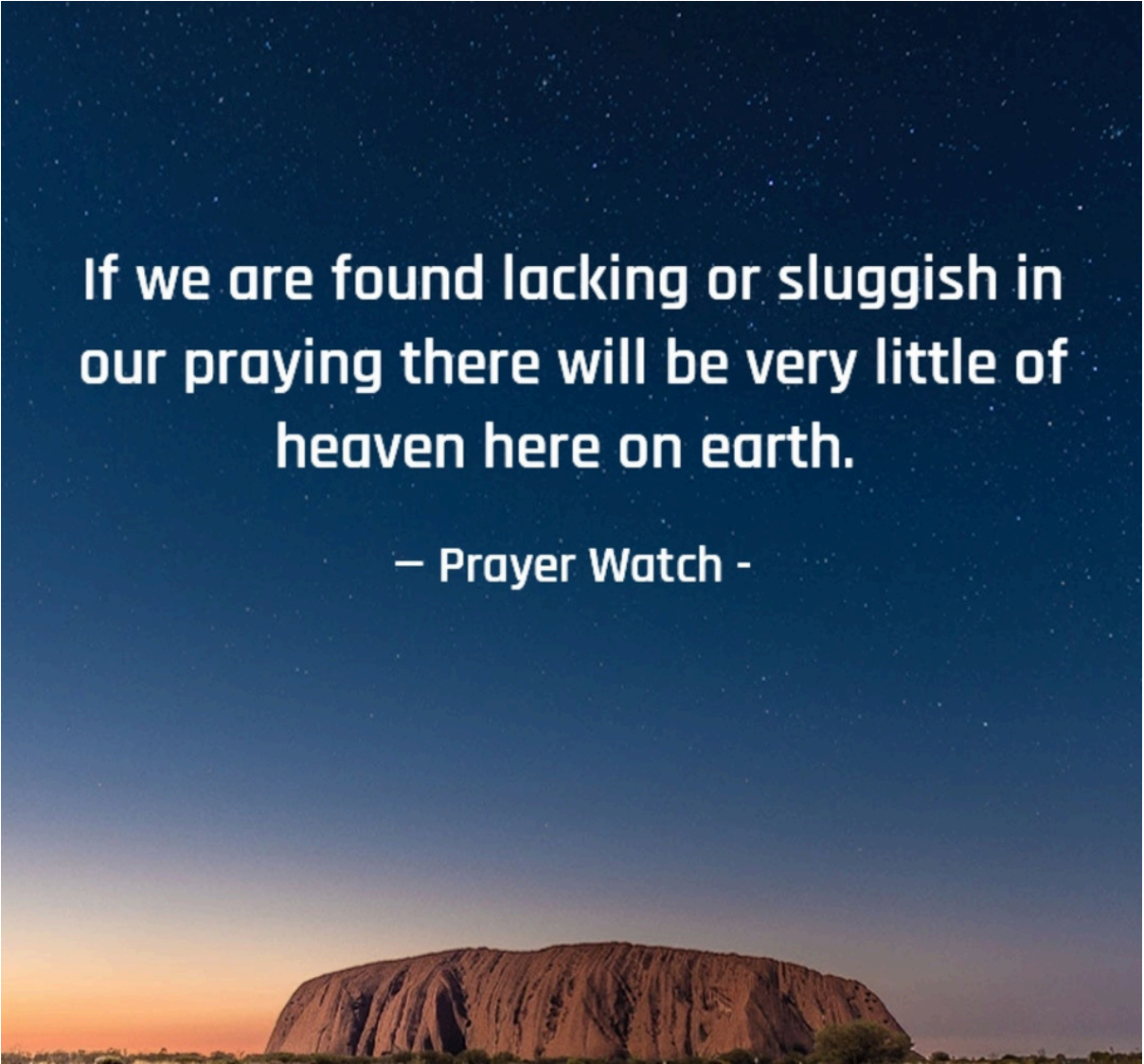


When a man knows what is in heaven and is familiar with Heaven's ways he can then apply them for God's Kingdom here on earth. **'Your Kingdom come, your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.'** Matthew 6.10.

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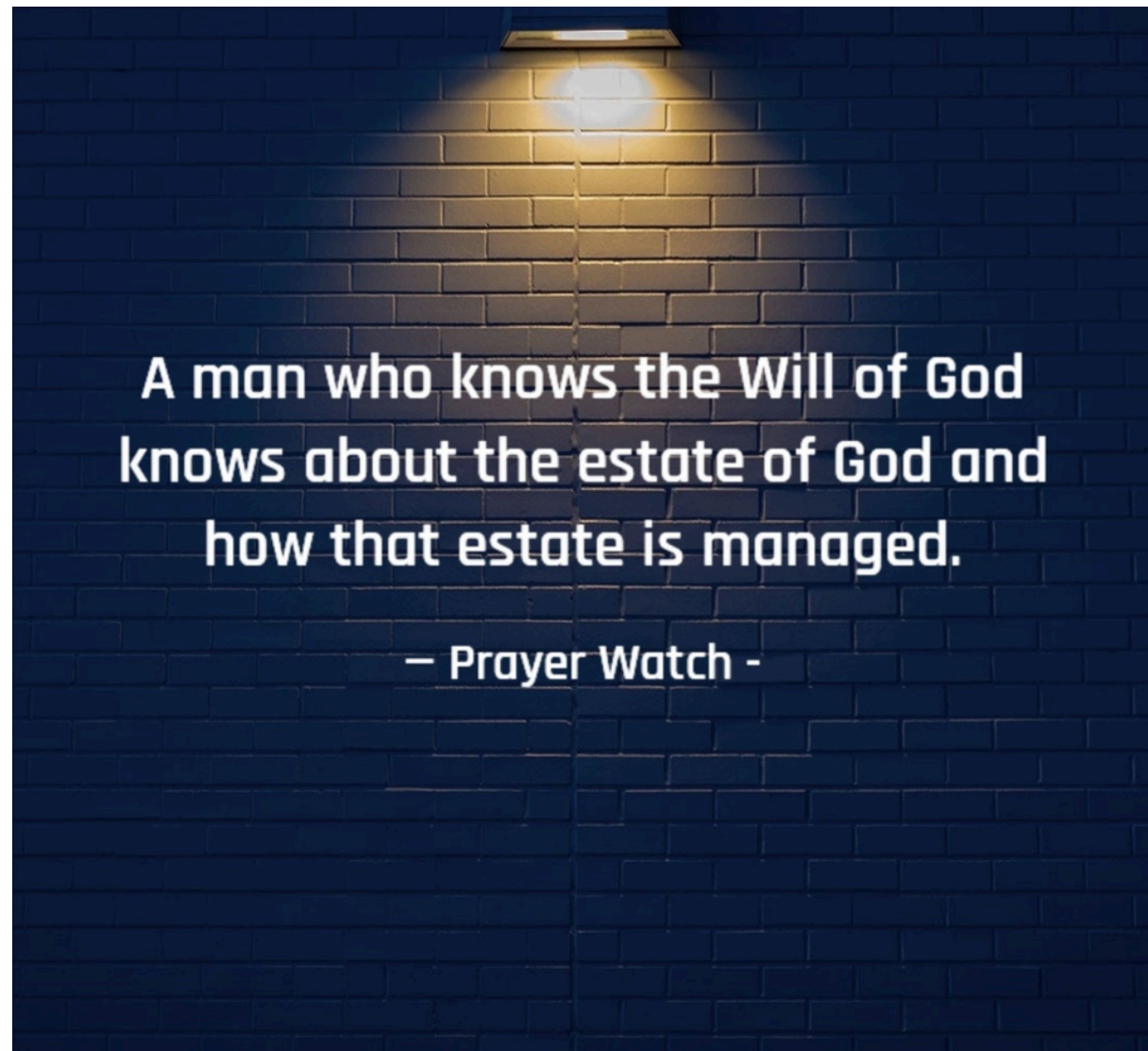
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Prayer allows for man to become established with God. When a man is established with God he is one of good reputation, one that can be trusted and one who is reliable to Him. The more we pray the less strange or unfamiliar are God's Ways to us. The established understanding and knowledge of God, compared to man's earthly understanding, is vast. An established man in God's eyes is one He has grounded and one whom He can trust. He is the person that God is familiar with. He is firm in God. He is established in His Ways. There are a few of these men and women in the Body of Christ. Our duty is to prove to God that we are trustworthy of our earthly duties. Are the men and women who lead the flock really established by the Lord or through the world order of things? Find a man who is established of God and you shall find a man who has a prayer-filled life. When a man is established in the Lord he is one that knows the heart of God. He knows the heart of God for a city, a nation, leaders, governments and kingdoms.

A man who knows the Will of God knows about the estate of God and how that estate

is managed. This is all part of God's Will and prayer is the means that God uses to reveal this. Simply put, Prayer **reveals** God. Prayer reveals **HOW** God would have something done. Faithfully going to God reveals **WHEN** God would have that done and it also helps us to go to God to enquire **WHY** this must be done.



After Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife Rebekah to fall pregnant, God answered by giving her twins. The Bible tells us that the babies jostled within her, and she then went to '**inquire**' of the Lord. Although God may answer us *WHY* He would have something done yet it should not become the only reason we pray! It is the duty of the believer to heed the call to pray always. Many things we shall not know until it is time for God to reveal it to us. Our urgency in pursuing God '*to know the reason*' must also never reach a state of death. The true believer knows that through prayer he is given the provision for the vision. The calling and purpose for many is seldom in doubt, but it is the provision for that journey that may create doubt in us. Prayer helps to remove



our fears of where and when the provision shall be available. When a man enters the courts of the Holy One, he never leaves without being encouraged. Prayer answers the question of provision. Knowing **WHO** God is helps us to see that our provision will be met as long as we can believe. Our knowledge of God that he is Jehovah Jireh helps our **faith** to accomplish with Him the vision that is set before us. Jehovah Jireh means God has **already** provided and complements **Matthew 6.10** '**...Your will be done on earth as IT IS DONE in heaven**'

Note the key is to first know who God is. Prayer helps the believer understand who God is. For God reveals himself through the life of prayer

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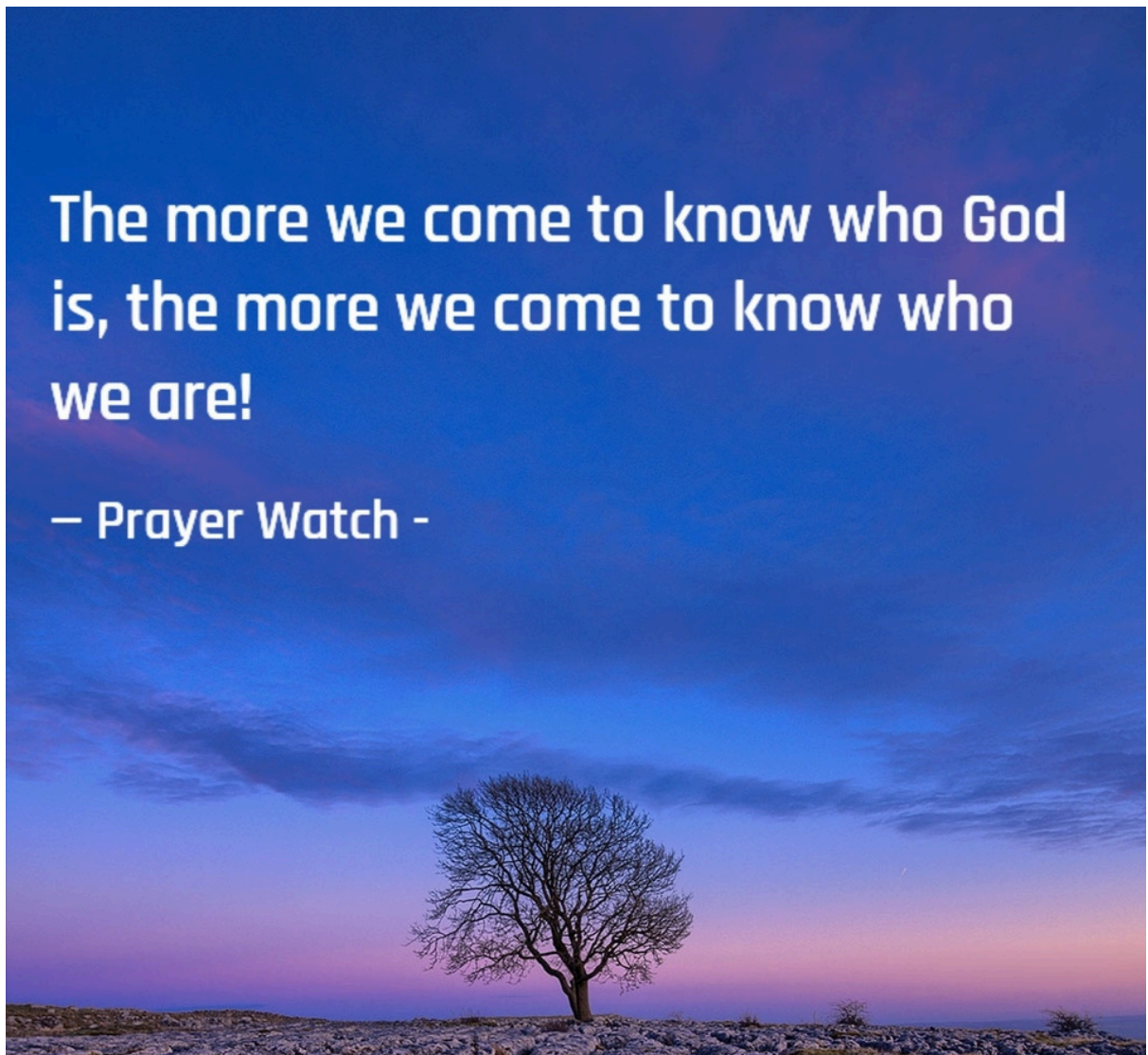
The revelation of God is the revelation of His nature and His character. The more we



are introduced to God the more closely we become associated with Him. It is this spiritual association with God that causes His children to become more familiar with His ways. The more time we spend with Him on a personal level, the more we come to know who He is. The more we come to know who God is, **the more we come to know who we are.** Prayer reveals God in us and us in God. It reveals our depth with God and that which we must still thread. Prayer takes nothing for granted. A man who truly prays will be sincere and not be found assuming the works of the kingdom. In other words he will not be presumptuous with God's work. His closeness with God through a life hidden in prayer shall reveal all truth about the matter.

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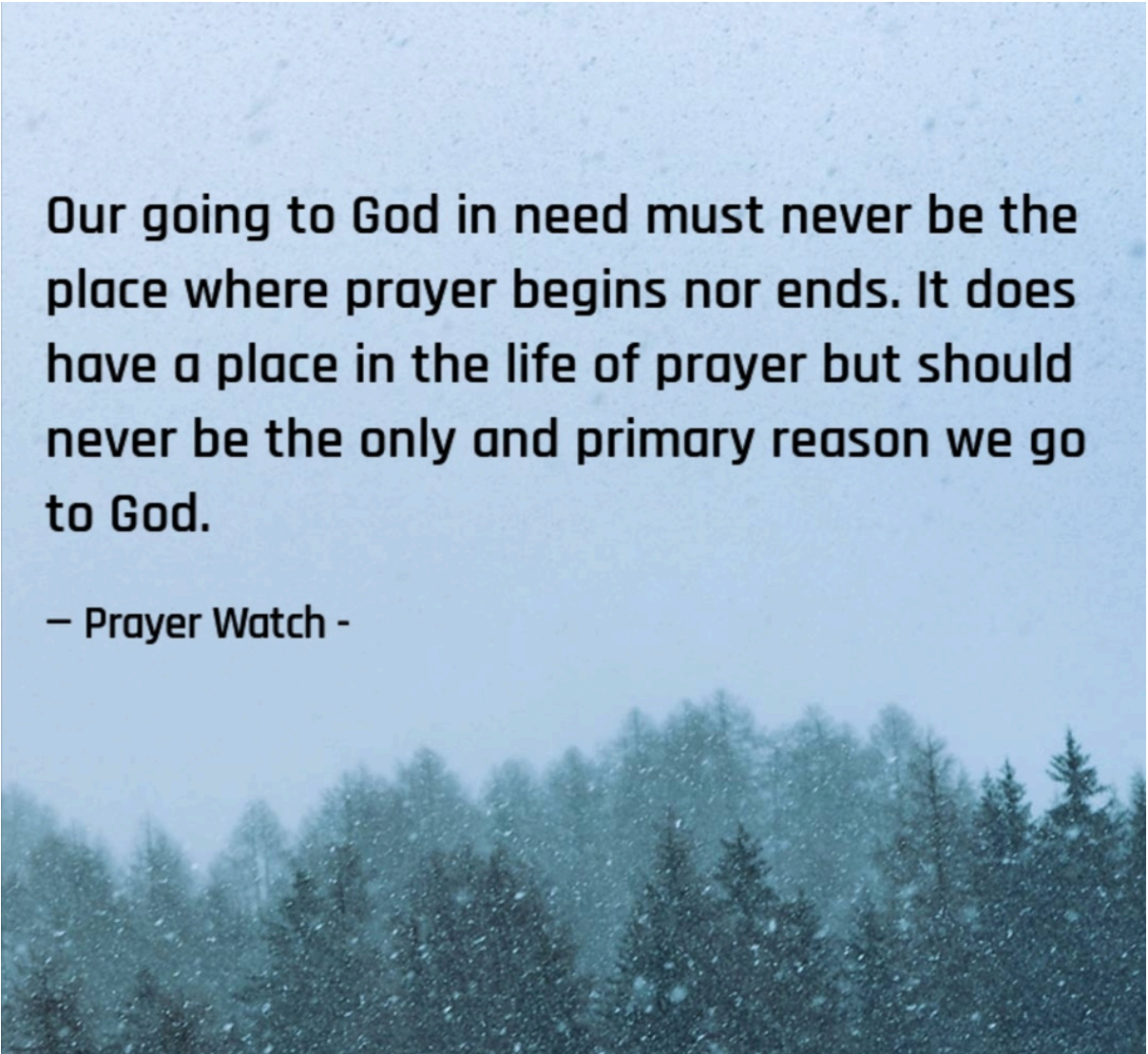


The great prophets of old were never moved by that which was false. When a man is certain of what he has heard or seen for himself there shall be nothing that convinces him otherwise. It becomes personal! The more time spent with God by the prophets of old placed them in good stead to be used by Him. Is it not wonderful that there is a way

already determined by God for us to be with Him in His kingdom? We pray because Jesus is that Way!

Abraham knew his God, in so doing he had much faith. It was his faith that allowed him to speak to his servant thus **'Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.'** Genesis 22.5

Have you asked yourself who **'we'** that Abraham speaks of in this verse. Have you come to your conclusion, for when you have you will realize the great amount of faith that this man had in his God. Through Abraham's personal contact with God, when tested knew that he would return with his son.



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Prayer involves asking on a personal level but is not the highest level of prayer. The desire to request from God provision for daily life was never the principle reason God meant prayer to be. ***Our going to God in need must never be the place where prayer***

***begins nor ends. It does have a place in the life of prayer but should never be the only and primary reason we go to God.*** Prayer is meant so that the believer may listen to God. If you are called to pray, you are simply called to listen. When we go to God we must be willing to die to self. ***'....Yet not as I will, but as you will.'*** **Matthew 26.39.** Prayer when manifested more on self shall see very little of God's power on earth.

The purpose of true prayer should help develop the believer's relationship with His Master. For too long we have understood prayer to be just a way for mankind to receive provision to live! Prayer is communion with God. True prayer is the revelation of that which is already in the heart of God for you!

Prayer gives to us the opportunity to bring glory to God. Prayer puts perfectly in place what God desires. ***'I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me'*** **John 17.23**



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The more time one spends with God, the more our hunger for Him. More time with God increases our yearning for Him. The more time we spend personally with God the greater shall be the yearning in us to know what has already been done for us. Revelation of what He has done comes by spending quality time with Him. Many lack the knowledge of what is theirs simply because there is no personal fellowship between the Master and His servant. When the believer prays he is reminded of that which is already promised and confirmed in the written Word.

The desire for God must first be found in the closet(the secret place) **one on one** with Him. This is the starting point for all of us to be really effective within the body of Christ for Christ. ***The less time we spend with God on a personal level the less we will have to give to the corporate life of the church.*** There is much that is being offered in the body of Christ at present yet so much of it is not God ordained. ***Our lack in spending time with God has allowed for much to enter the church. That which has***

***entered the church has spread like a wild fire destroying the sanctity and holiness of how the church should be managed!*** Herein lies the problem – ***Our lack of yearning for what God desires.*** We are willing to receive and implement that which is Godly but only by our own measure. We selfishly determine the measure of work we are willing to do for Christ! God's love and patience with us has allowed for it to pass without judgement. Yet little do we realise that it has hindered our spiritual progress.

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The pace at which holiness returns to the body should be given priority by the believer. Yes, it remains our decision but soon ends when we give God the pleasure to do as He wishes. ***We often desire the move of God in our fellowship services but we refuse to move out of the way for Him to bring about this move.*** We want to dictate to God our plans. Yet we forget about His plans, His purpose and His desires that have ***already*** been established and put in place before the beginning of time. Let me add that our contribution to the body must never be set by the standards set by man. Our giving to

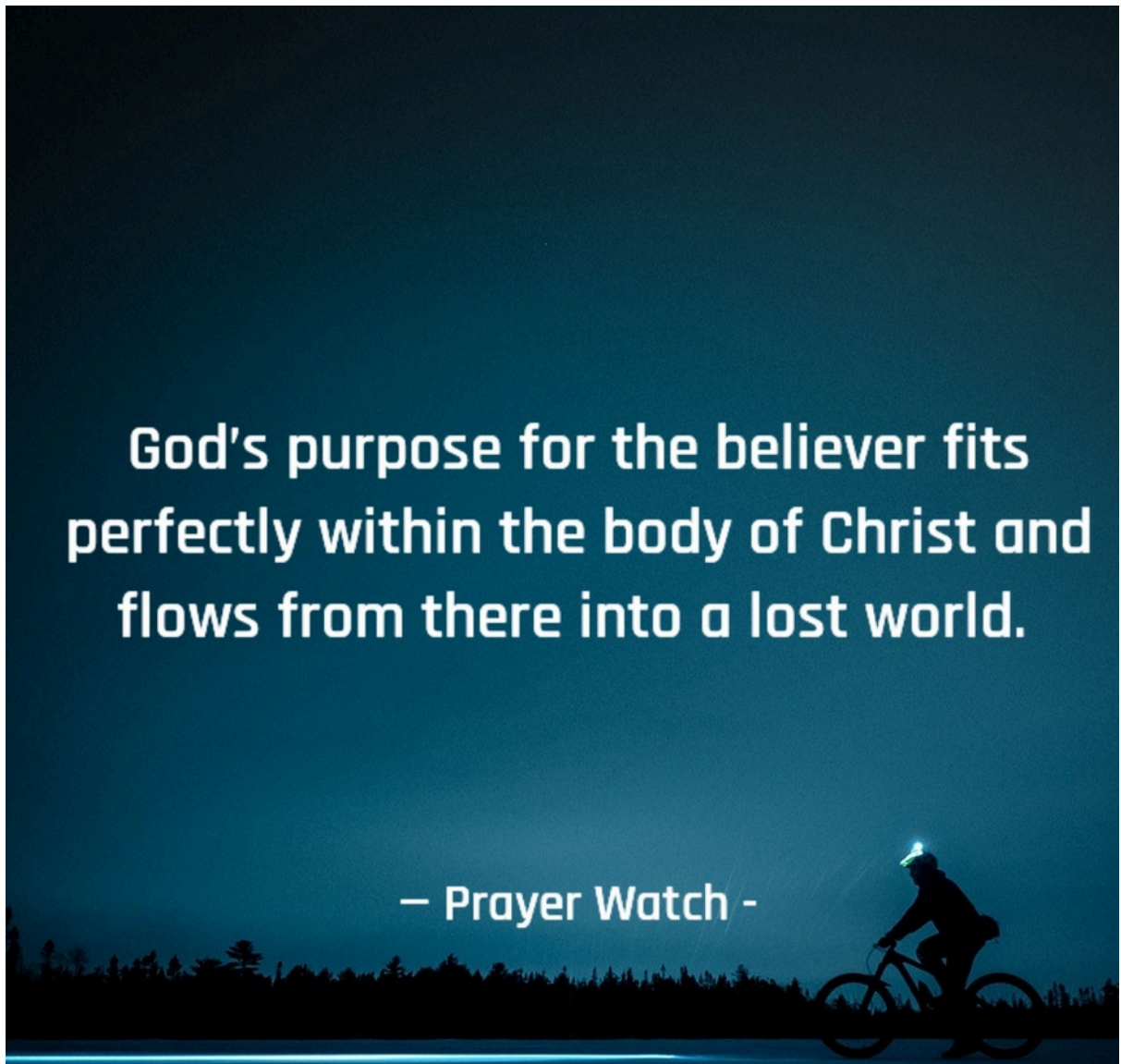


the body of Christ is because God has given us the opportunity to give. He gives that which we must give back to His people. It is belongs to God!

God's giving to us comes with His desired measures and timings. We are spiritually aware of this because we are spiritually inclined to hear when His Spirit speaks. We are spiritually inclined because of our consistency with Him. His voice is familiar to us when He speaks. His Word is revealed to our spirit man because of our regular fellowship with His Spirit within us! The purpose of the Holy Spirit dwelling in man is to reveal to man his God whom he has not seen. In a world void of God it is so enticing for one to hear many voices of the same kind. All of which deviate from the voice of the Holy Spirit.

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A life of prayer brings revelation of a Fathers' heart to be with His children and to give them life to the full. **John 10.10** confirms this. **'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life; and have it the full.'** The fullness of life is impossible without the indwelling Spirit. This means that only the believer is eligible for this. For it is the believer who received Christ that opened the door for the residence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals God and His nature!

To pray and to know how to pray is a key to knowing the way God operates on earth. When we pray, His Word is confirmed in our spirit. This comes from personal contact with Him. And that's what prayer does! It brings us into His inner courts. We then have access to spiritual tools that never come from anywhere else but from His inner courts!

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Prayer reveals the ordained days for our lives as it is written in His book. Before the days could be was God's thoughts about me. Prayer reveals to us how precious are His thoughts about us. **'How precious to me are your thoughts concerning me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them they would out number the grains of sand.....'** Psalm 139.17 - 18

***God's purpose for the believer fits perfectly within the body of Christ and flows from there into a lost world.*** That mandate is always solitary, exclusive and private to you the individual. We find through prayer, God's predestination for us as believers. ***Much shall be revealed through the life of prayer that most duties of the church life shall never reveal.*** The call to pray challenges the believer of the certainty of God and His ways regarding us. It proves to the believer that it was meant to be. It also proves that it will be! For many of us we go to God in need. There is nothing wrong with this but that was not God's grandest plan when He devised prayer to be! Asking for provision is never the highest aim heaven regarding prayer. To know who we are in Christ and to live the life of complete provision should be our goal. Our needs are met in Christ. And so we are to come to understand a level of prayer that heaven desires. Prayer is about God's purpose being revealed and lived here on earth. ***Prayer is about God. When we are able to understand this simple truth then shall we see the purpose of God for man.*** In going to God we realize that man has a role to play. Depth with God in prayer helps understand that we are the **'heaven'** here on earth for God. The church reveals the God of heaven to the world. She can only do so if she herself knows the God of heaven!

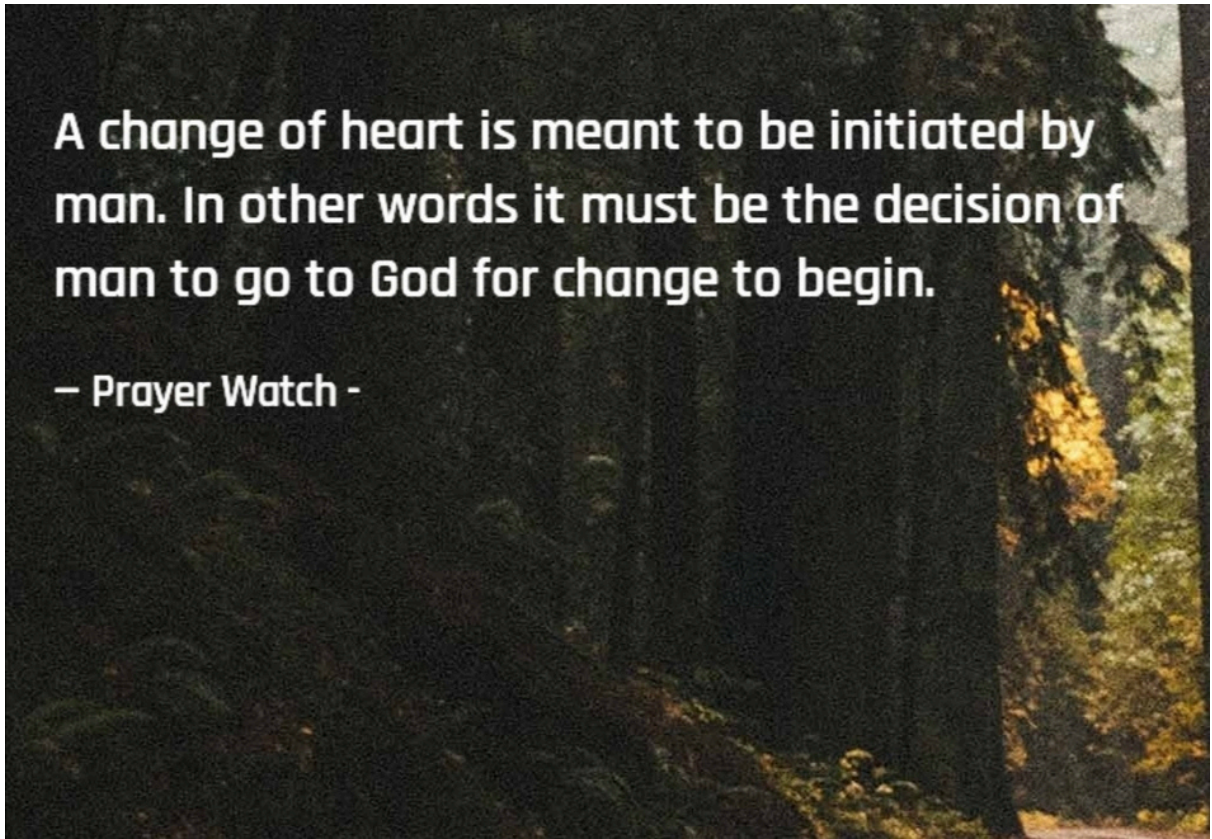
Our death to self is the greatest example to the world that we are the models of heaven here on earth. For the world to have some idea of what the heavenly kingdom is like, all it has to do is look at the believer. If we understand that God has already purposed this to be, then we as believers will understand the enormity of the task ahead of us. We are the hands and feet of God whilst on earth. These hands and feet are helpless without the Head which is Christ. Great is our disability without Christ! Through Christ, we receive revelation of this. Prayer helps us understand this. God has established prayer for revelation. Much prayer brings more revelation. There has since never been a ***substitute*** for prayer. The aspects and characteristics of prayer are the most intimate and fundamental of who God is. That which we know we bring to Him in our prayers. Having come to Him we bring even more!

Much is revealed to us in us going to God. Even more is revealed as we patiently wait on God. We discover the what it means to belong to Him. For closeness to God explains who we are to Him. It helps us understand our purpose to Him. We also discover that He has not forsaken us and that there is much that has not come from Him nor belongs to His kingdom. ***For that which does not belong to Him is removed from us through a life of prayer.***



## **THE CHANGE OF HEART**

Prayer should change the heart of man. Yet heart of each man must first be willing to be changed. When the heart of man is transformed he is able to discern the heart of God. ***A change of heart is meant to be initiated by man. In other words it must be the decision of man to go to God for change to begin.*** Man must with all his ability show to God that he desires this transformation. This is the stepping stone to all that God has for Him. David knew this well and begged God to create in him a clean heart. **‘Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.’ Psalm 51.10** Prayer is not meant to enlighten God. God knows all things. God is omnipotent. Prayer, true praying is not asking of God to do what we want, although we may think so, it is certainly not. Prayer my friend, in actual fact, was never meant to change the heart of God but to change ours.



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Prayer is not putting God on the spot. It was never meant to put God on trial. He never is and never will be. The purpose of prayer is never to test God either. Even by the answers we receive, we must still be careful not to assume who God is. His Word and Spirit should declare to us who He is. Our conclusion of who God is must always be revealed by His indwelling Spirit. Or else our excitement of the answer may create in us much pride. Often our testimony never encourages others but elevates us to a place where it feels God is not for us but for them. This is so because we never give God the glory but instead want to show that we are different from others.

Our provisions from God must never be used as a yardstick to determine how privileged we are compared to my fellow believers. My supplies must encourage them to keep waiting, keep praying! If supplies from God are not held back from the unrighteous, how much more liberty does the believer have. Look around you for proof. Satan cannot give without permission from God! The answers to our prayers for provision must never be used as a measure of who God is nor who he is not. If this is our understanding, it is shallow and superficial. For the answer given to one may not be the same for another. What God may allow for the one He may not allow for the other! This does not mean that God is inconsistent or contradicts what He has said. All His dealings with us though, remain as He is. Each individual is unique and special in the eyes of God and He shall deal with each one as it pleases Him. The relationship you have with God is a *unique* one that demands a great deal of intimacy with Him.



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God will not fill the heart of man with that which is heavenly if he (man) has not first had a change of heart. ***Prayer helps towards a change of heart. It is through prayer that God removes our selfish 'wants' and replaces it with His desires!*** There must be a **change** of heart in the believer for Gods' ***will to be done here on earth***. For God to have His way with our hearts there must first be **change or the decision to change**. To ask of God, to seek of Him, to knock on the door of Heaven is only worth your while if you are willing to have this change of heart.

Now we know that the human heart can be the most deceitful thing. **Jer.17.9. 'The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?'** Yet in verse 10 of that same chapter we see that the Lord is still willing and able to change the heart of man. ***'I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind to reward a man according to His conduct.....' We must depend on God for it is He who reveals the true heart of man and by grace gives him the opportunity to have it changed!***

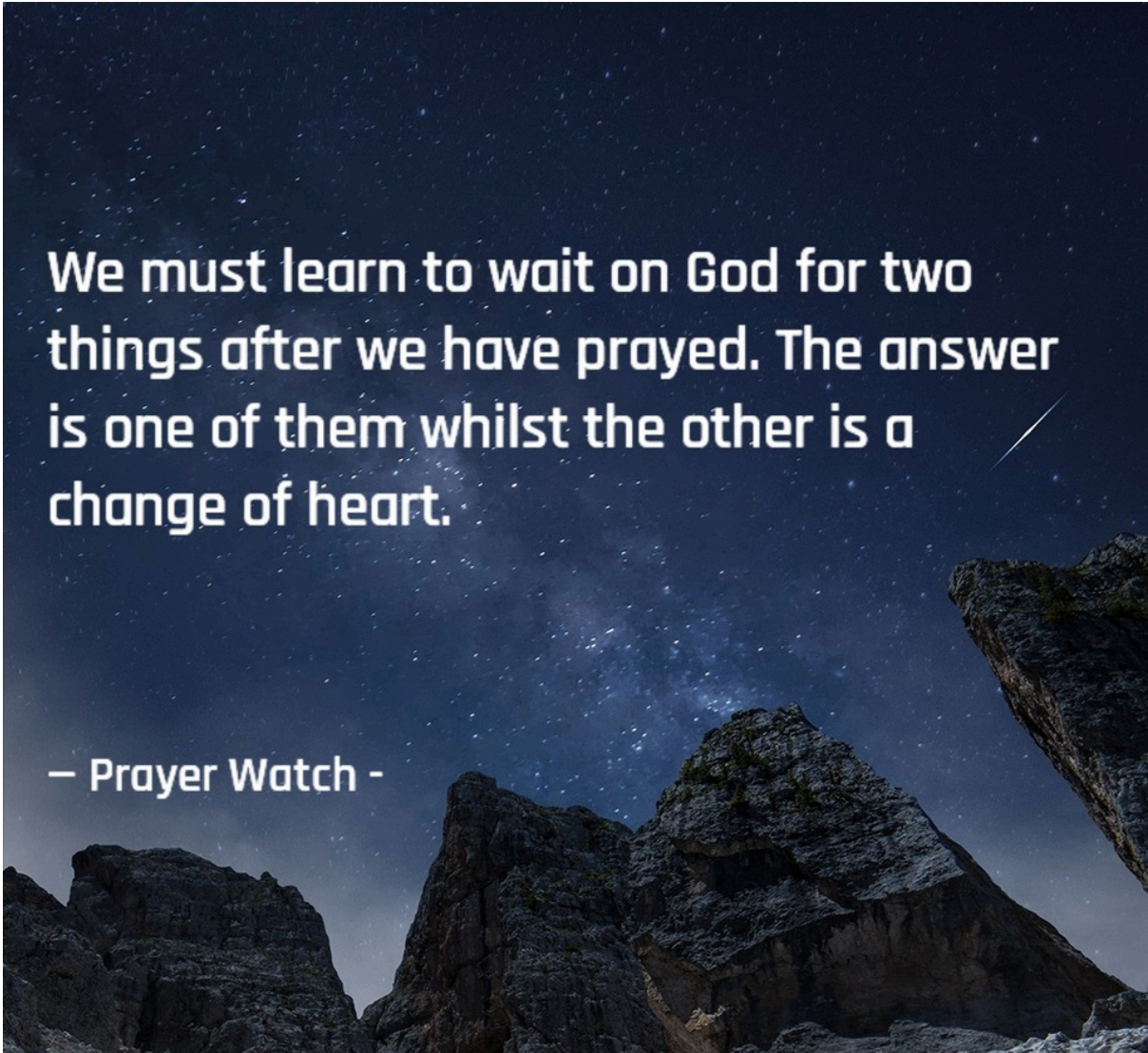
Prayer is the key to developing an intimate relationship with God. Prayer helps build the ultimate relationship between God and man!

***Prayer helps towards a change of heart. It is through prayer that God removes our selfish 'wants' and replaces it with His desires!*** All that God desires for us is His best and He will not have us settle for anything to the contrary.

That's what prayer does! It takes away the often selfish desires of our hearts and replaces it with His. More so, prayer helps remove our wrong desires. There are many times when we assume that we are asking God for our best yet in truth, we are not. Our only inclination that something is wrong is when we see no answer. Yet if we waited on God to speak, we would have known much sooner and turned sooner. This time asking accordingly! ***We must learn to wait on God for two things after we have prayed. The answer is one of them whilst the other is a change of heart.*** A change of desire will bring about a change of request. This requires much dying to self!

The Psalmist understood this well. Let's read **Psalm 27.4 'one thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His temple.'**

Now I like that word ***enquire*** for it means to seek after and find out. It brings forth an understanding we once never had. Prayer is the key to developing this intimate relationship with God. Our inquiry reveals the heart of God for us.



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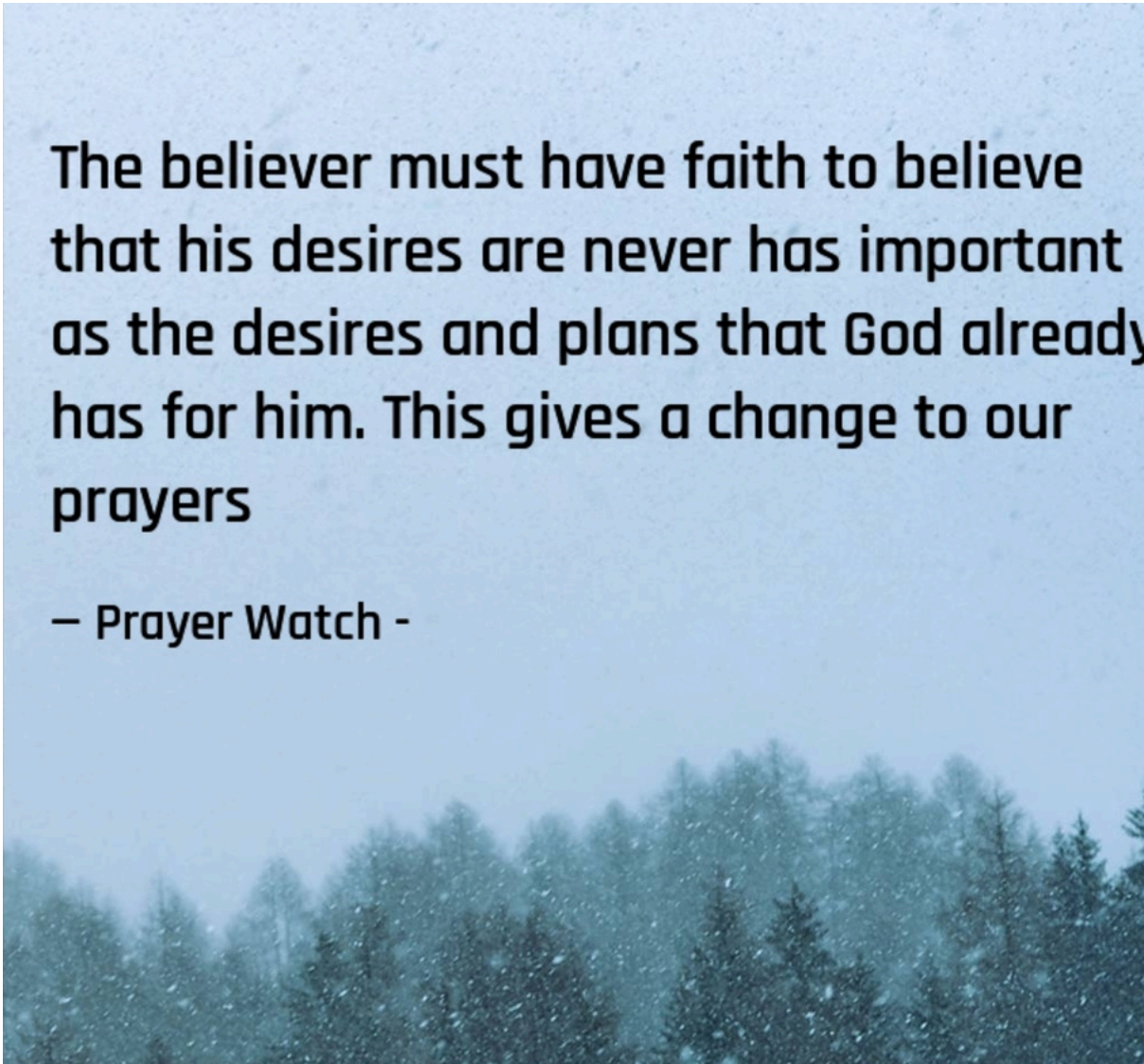
We are unique in the eyes of the Lord and so to is His purpose for each one!

**Psalm 139.16 - 17 '.....all the *days* ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.' How precious concerning me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them.'**



# YOU SHALL DELIGHT IN THE LORD

I am often asked 'Why should we pray, God knows all things. Him being the all omnipotent God, surely He knows my needs. To speak thus actually reveals our misunderstanding of who God really is. We are often ignorant of His true nature and character. God does know all things! This means He knows your needs and your desires. Yet do we know His heart and His desires? To put God first means we have acknowledged to know the very heart of God. Our consistency in the presence of a Holy God creates in us a change of heart. A change of heart desires that which God desires. True prayer is a desire to know the heart of God. ***The believer must have faith to believe that his desires are never as important as the desires and plans that God already has for him. This gives a change to our prayers.***



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Surrendering to God is a perfect way to begin our prayers. In weakness, the believer finds his strength. For Godly strength finds its way in best where there's no longer personal strength. It is coming to God with a honest heart. A honest heart does not have to be cleansed before going to God. Honest hearts surrender to God and He does the change.

Going to God has never been about the blessing of ones own desires unless those desires have been placed there by the Lord in the first place. The key is to receive from God that which He so desires. In us not allowing the Lord the opportunity to change our hearts have stalled the consistency of many a prayer life. The desire to please God springs from the salvation of the spirit. Our souls are often in opposition to the work of the Holy Spirit. In us surrendering allows for the Holy Spirit to begin His work through us!

**Psalms 37:4-5 'Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.'**

Verse 5 says **'Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.'**

The word "*heart*" has to do with you as the inner person. It has to do with your inner thoughts and deepest feelings. It is also about your inner yearnings.

Prayer is responsible for causing this softness of heart. In prayer we are changed and formed into beings that are pliable in the hands of God. When we go to God in prayer we allow for our hearts to become flexible as opposed to it being rigid before entering into His Presence. Our praying allows for God to remove what we want and replace them with what He desires. To speak of the desires of God as an option is foolish. It is foolish to think there could be anything better having gone to God and experienced Him personally!

The word '*it*' in verse 5 of **Psalms 37** is the desires that God has now placed in our hearts that we are now allowed to pray back to Him. To '*Commit*' according to this scripture is to surrender or to turn over the responsibility of deciding on to Him. The original Hebrew meaning of the word delight is to be '***soft and pliable***' in the hands of God. **It is then that God brings to pass those new God given desires that we allowed Him to place in our hearts.** *Any wonder why we are never the same after going to God.* I hope that you will understand this very important principle of prayer.

**'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.**

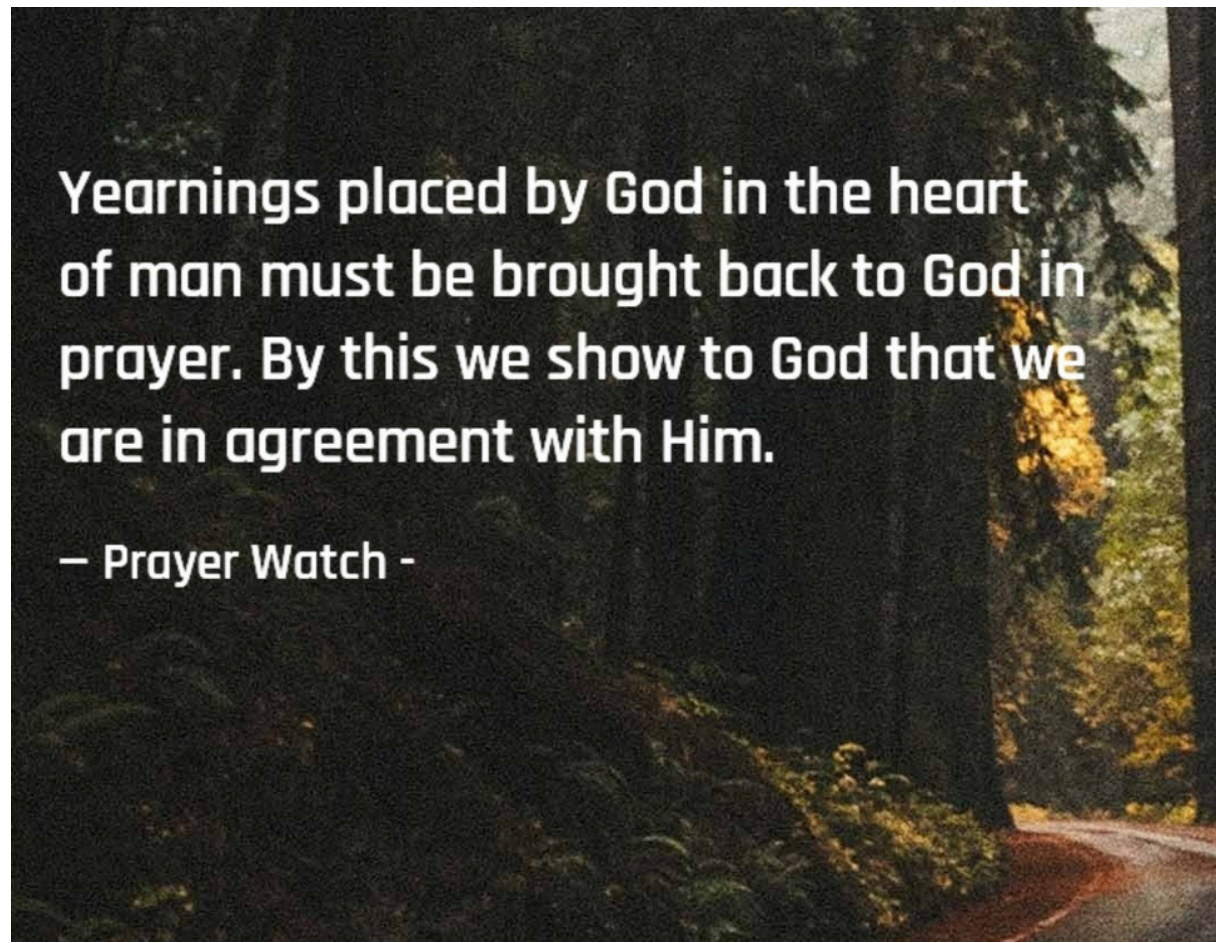
**As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.'** Isaiah 55:8-9

To know the desires of God for you is important. We know the desires of a God's heart when we go to Him!

We must at all times be aware that we are unique in the eyes of the Lord. Gods' purpose for us is therefore special, of which He holds the key.

For Heaven to release, we must first desire as God desires. Even the desire is the work of the Lord. It is placed there by God if we allow Him to!

***Yearnings placed by God in the heart of man must be brought back to God in prayer. By this we show to God that we are in agreement with Him.*** It is still the duty of the believer to show that he is in agreement with God for that which He has placed in him. We express this in our praying and worship before a Holy God.



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## **A BURDEN FROM THE LORD**

The burden of the Lord is His church and through prayer that burden is released. The more prayer the more release. The burden of heaven is one of a Father for His children. We must be able to empathize with God for His church.

Prayer allows for man to hear God's voice. ***Prayer enables the believer to hear from Him. To hear from God should be a honor to man.*** If you are called to pray, you are called to listen. When we go to God we go to die - die to self. Self has no place in the kingdom of God. ***Many of our prayers are never answered because of the great measure of self in them.*** We are commanded by God to love Him with all our heart. **Deuteronomy 6.5-6 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are**

to be upon your hearts.'

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God desires the glory and for man to listen and then do brings glory to God. This is the purpose of man. If all glory belongs to God, then there must a great deal of listening and seeking after God. Prayer does so, for it gives man the **opportunity to glorify the Lord**. Prayer puts perfectly in place what God desires. **'I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved Me.'** John 17.23 The life of Jesus was a life of prayer. Even now He intercedes before the Father on our behalf.


It must be the same as Jesus had on earth to please the Father. If we are called to follow Christ then our desire to please the Father must be the same. We must at all times be

found attaining to this. It is now about a bridegroom bringing into the presence of the Father His best. The opportunity to grow and be what the Father desires and to dwell in His house forever is still open to many of us. Prayer is the means that allows man this *privilege* into the heart of the Father. If prayer is a privilege, then it is an opportunity given to man for breakthrough in the midst of all that has surrounded him as a believer. The choice to come before God and hear His heartbeat is given to the believer.

No man outside the body of Christ can lay claim to this honor.

**‘My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.’ Hosea 4.6** The greatest understanding that the believer must have is that which pertains to life, life that God has called to him live here on earth. Prayer opens the door for the breakthrough of this knowledge. The will of God is knowledge for man. The world and its desires is not the knowledge that God desires for His people. King David said **‘..... I do not concern myself with great matters or things to wonderful for me. But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother like a weaned child is my soul within me.’ Psalm 131.1-2** What David was in fact saying was that ‘the knowledge of the Lord is sufficient for me pertaining to all of life’ If Prayer is the means by which God reveals His plans to us then the lack of Prayer will see a great lack of Godly planning. This desire to know God and His plans for us must not allow anything to get in the way. It shall come through much humility because that is what prayer demands. The life of praying humbles us. Even our affairs in community or whatever the matters may be, must be put aside to seek God first. The work of the church in community must never be the excuse that we do not have to pray. For a great part in our walk with God we have unknowingly substituted ‘works’ to be the excuse for us not really giving ourselves to Prayer. **Be careful there are many in the body busy with ‘works’ and really have no time for God. The emptiness that they feel is reason enough they feel this way.** The more they do the more they feel they are going nowhere. The leader who does not pray can not be effective for God. It saddens me how open and candid we are about not spending time with God. It is spoken of with so little regret. If there is any regret then there must be a great deal of conviction to make right. May God help us in this great task ahead of us. ***Every word that you speak, every place you go must be God inspired. It calls for a close walk with God especially if you are a leader.***



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## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BELIEVERS PRAY**

It is the will of God that believers be partakers with Him in salvation for mankind. ***There are many things that God has limited Himself to and they will come to be only because of the holy, believing, persevering prayers of His people. We are therefore called to pray!*** God has already decided on this! We must remember that there are many things that will not be accomplished in God's kingdom without the intercessory prayers of believers.

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God desires to send forth workers into the gospel harvest; Christ teaches us that this will be accomplished through the prayers of His people: **'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest'** KJV (Matthew 9:38). In other words, God's power to accomplish many of His purposes is released only through the earnest and effective prayers of His people or at least that is His desire!

Prayer must be spiritually linked to progress on earth. True prayer enables the progress of God's kingdom here on earth. When we fail to pray, we hinder the accomplishment of God's redemptive purpose, both for ourselves as individuals and for the church as a body. It is then that the corporate church suffers the most.

***When the body faints in praying the more earth is bound to cave in and give in to the world and its desires.*** Many things have heaped up in heaven based on this simple truth of people not praying. Heaven is not selfish to release what it has for earth.

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***Remember that, that which God has for earth is already determined, planned and ready to be released from heaven.***

**‘Your will be done on earth as it is (already) done in heaven’ Matthew 6.10**

Prayer is the key to attaining the resources that are available to us in Christ, yet more importantly prayer, true prayer reveals to God by the virtue of choice given to us, *that we are dependable on Him.*

I remind you again that prayer is the means that transfers that which is spiritual to the physical and God has given us Holy Spirit to help us do so. If we are found lacking or sluggish in our praying we will see and experience far less of what God has determined for earth. Will you be willing to come away from the madding crowd, away from the glitz and glamour that has so caught the church and find your purpose through Prayer? In so doing thou shall find your purpose amongst the children of God? It is the duty of the believer to prepare oneself to pray. No matter how cast down or confused we may be, we must still hope in God. The prayer of a Godly heart reaches the God of heaven. **‘.....here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandment, for this is the whole (duty) of man.’ Ecclesiastes 12.13**

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**Watch and Pray without ceasing!**





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